

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78134

Laurence Gerald HUGHES, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/700,548

Group Art Unit: 1615

Confirmation No.: 6075

Examiner: Azpuru, Carlos A.

Filed: November 5, 2003

For: COATED IMPLANTS

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on
June 12, 2008:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) dated June 16, 2008 has been
made of record.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: N/A
2. Identification of claims discussed: N/A
3. Identification of art discussed: N/A
4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: N/A
5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: N/A

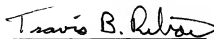
6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: Applicant's representative contacted the Examiner to discuss the § 112 rejection.

7. Results of Interview: The Examiner requested that Applicant set forth a generic polymer structure in the claims to overcome the § 112 rejection. Applicant's representative stated that the claims were clear and definite because they define the monomers making up the polymer. Applicant's representative wishes to clarify the Interview Summary sent on June 16, 2008 insofar that Applicant's representative did not agree with the position that the "actual polymer" was not defined in the claims, and Applicant's representative asserted that the specification supported and the claims clearly defined the recited polymer.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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